

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah (2:3; 3:12-13)**

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to gaze and rest with no one to disturb them.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response:** How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R/**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:26-31)**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race was nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord. *This is the word of the Lord.*

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (5:1-12)**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you. (Ps 30:17-18)

**Entrance**

**Praise my Soul the King of Heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; To His feet Thy tribute bring! Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Ever more His praises sing; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour, To his children in distress! Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows. In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes, Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!



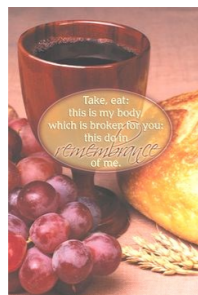
**Offertory**

**Take this all of you**

**Chorus:**  
*Take this all of you, eat of this my flesh. Take this is my blood, shed for sinners all. For my life I give and my love I share: Trust and believe in me.*

Truly I say my brethren: Should you not drink my blood, Should you not eat my body, You have no life in you.

Work for the food that's lasting Work not for food that spoils, Work for the bread of heaven, And gain eternal life.



**Communion:**

**Blest are they**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

**REFRAIN:**  
*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. **(Ref)**

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! **(Ref)**

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. **(Ref)**

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **(Ref)**



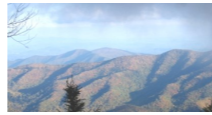
**Final**

**Though the mountains may fall**

**Refrain**  
*Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter for all who will call on his name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.*

Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget his love? Though a mother forsake her child, he will not abandon you. **Ref.**

Should you turn and forsake him, he will gently call your name. Should you wander away from him, he will always take you back. **Ref.**



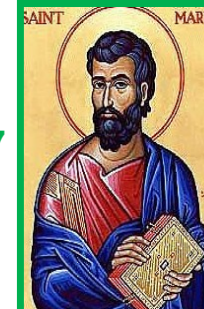
# Weekly Parish Newsletter

*Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale*

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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**ORDINARY TIME OF THE YEAR: We let God lead us with his word and grace in our daily life.**

**(5) THE CATHOLIC FAITH (Serialised presentation from: Compendium of the Catechism) CHAPTER THREE: Man's Response to God. I Believe**

**25. How does man respond to God who reveals himself? (142-143)**

Sustained by divine grace, we respond to God with the obedience of faith, which means the full surrender of ourselves to God and the acceptance of his truth insofar as it is guaranteed by the One who is Truth itself.

**26. Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures?**

144-149 There are many such witnesses, two in particular: One is Abraham who when put to the test "believed in God" (Romans 4:3) and always obeyed his call. For this reason he is called "the Father of all who believe" (Romans 4:11-18). The other is the Virgin Mary who, throughout her entire life, embodied in a perfect way the obedience of faith: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

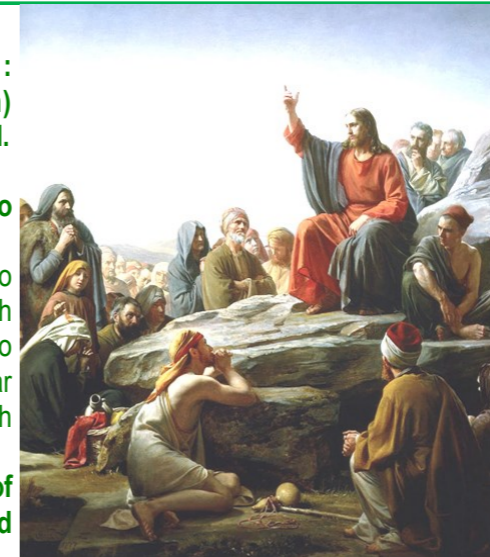
**27. What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God? (150-152; 176-178)**

It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**28. What are the characteristics of faith? (153-165; 179-180; 183-184)** Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation. It is a free gift of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a human act, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also certain because it is founded on the Word of God; it works "through charity" (Galatians 5:6); and it continually grows through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a foretaste of the joys of heaven.

**29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science? (159)**

Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith. "I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." (Saint Augustine)



**LA FEDE CATTOLICA (5)**

Dal Compendio del Catechismo  
**CAPITOLO TERZO: La Risposta dell'uomo a Dio: Io Credo**

**25. Come risponde l'uomo a Dio che si rivela? (142-143)**

L'uomo, sostenuto dalla grazia divina, risponde con l'obbedienza della fede, che è affidarsi pienamente a Dio e accogliere la sua Verità, in quanto garantita da Lui, che è la Verità stessa.

**26. Quali sono nella Sacra Scrittura i principali testimoni di obbedienza della fede. (144-149)**

Ci sono molti testimoni, in particolare due: Abramo, che, messo alla prova, «ebbe fede in Dio» (Rm 4,3) e sempre obbedì

alla sua chiamata, e, per questo è diventato « padre di tutti quelli che credono» (Rm 4, 11,18); e la Vergine Maria, che realizzò nel modo più perfetto, durante tutta la sua vita, l'obbedienza della fede: «Fiat mihi secundum Verbum tuum - Avvenga di me quello che hai detto» (Lc 1,38).

**27. Che cosa significa per l'uomo credere in Dio? (150-152; 176-178)**

Significa aderire a Dio stesso, affidandosi a Lui e dando l'assenso a tutte le verità da Lui rivelate, perché Dio è la Verità. Significa credere in un solo Dio in tre Persone: Padre, Figlio e Spirito Santo.

**28. Quali sono le caratteristiche della fede? (153-165; 179-180; 183-184)**

La fede, dono gratuito di Dio e accessibile a quanti la chiedono umilmente, è la virtù soprannaturale necessaria per essere salvati. L'atto di fede è un atto umano, cioè un atto dell'intelligenza dell'uomo che, sotto la spinta della volontà mossa da Dio, dà liberamente il proprio consenso alla verità divina. La fede, inoltre, è certa, perché fondata sulla Parola di Dio; è operosa « per mezzo della carità» (Gal 5,6); è in continua crescita, grazie all'ascolto della Parola di Dio e alla preghiera, Essa fin d'ora ci fa pregustare la gioia celeste.

**29. Perché non ci sono contraddizioni tra fede e scienza? (159)**

Anche se la fede supera la ragione, non vi potrà mai essere contraddizione tra fede e scienza, perché entrambe hanno origine da Dio. È lo stesso Dio che dona all'uomo sia il lume della ragione sia la fede. «Credi per comprendere: comprendi per credere» (sant'Agostino).





## Liturgical Calendar and activities

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 28th January 2017 Vigil Year "A" 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>"Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God".</i>	Ogni Sabato 10.00am S.Messa per gli anziani al Rathdowne Place 497 Rathdowne Street Carlton. <i>Si cercano volontari</i>	10.00am Feast of St. Inino Procession and Mass  6.00pm Pro-Populo  7.00pm Spanish Mass	A warm welcome to the Filipino Community celebrating the feast of St. Inino
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 29th January 2017 Year "A" 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>"Beati i puri di cuore, perché vedranno Dio"</i>	8.30am  10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am  11.00am Irene PASQUALE (3°ann) Stan HORVAT (Healing Intentions)	Baptism Celebration for <b>Tiara June GARCIA</b> <i>Congratulations!</i> 
Monday/Lunedì 30th January 2017 Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20	<i>Responsorial Psalm Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.</i>	8.00am	9.15am Carmelo CLANDRA	7.30pm Baptism Preparation tonight in the Church. Parents and Godparents invited to attend.
Tuesday/Martedì 31st January 2017 St. John Bosco, priest Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43	<i>Responsorial Psalm They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.</i>	8.00am Feast of St. John Bosco	9.15am Feast of St. John Bosco  11.00am Funeral for the late Kathleen TURKOVSKI	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 1st February 2017 Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6	<i>Responsorial Psalm Il Signore è buono e grande nell'amore.  The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  7.30pm Mass & Novena in Honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	
Thursday/Giovedì 2nd February 2017 The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40	<i>Responsorial Psalm Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!</i>	8.00am Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	9.15am Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	
Friday/Venerdì 3rd February 2017 Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>	8.00am	9.15am  7.30pm 1st Friday Spanish Mass	

**VIATOUR 2017 - PELLEGRINAGGIO di 20 giorni con P. Savino Bernardi. Prezzo \$5949. Si visita il Santuario della Madonna di Fatima, per il centenario dell'apparizione, Lourdes, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Roma, Pompei, e tanti altri posti. Partenza 11 Maggio fino al 30 Maggio 2017. (Ritorno a volontà) Se siete interessati, parlate con Padre Savino.**

Parish Community	Parish Office	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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## Parish News... Notizie di casa nostra...

Liturgy of the Word 4th & 5th Feb 2017	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	M. Lauria	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti		
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	L. Colosimo	Children		
II Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Children	E. Mascia	D. Polla / T Bozzetto		

**PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

**SUNDAY 12th February 2017  
FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID of Kildare "Our Patron Saint"**

The parish, together with the Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese Communities will come together to celebrate this very special feast with only **ONE** combined Mass at **10.30am** with Procession. **A light lunch will follow in the hall.**

**PER FAVORE NOTATE SUL VOSTRO DIARIO - DOMENICA 12 FEBBRAIO 2017  
FESTA DI SANTA BRIGIDA "Nostra Patrona"**

Uniti alla comunità Filipina, Spagnola e Portoghese celebriamo questa festa con inizio alle **10.30am** con Processione e Santa Messa. **Dopo la Messa segue un rinfresco in sala.**

**Fate nota! In questo giorno si celebrerà soltanto questa unica messa in parrocchia.**

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

1st Collection	\$620 - 00
2nd Collection	\$400 - 00
Envelopes	\$203 - 00

**CONFIRMATIONS IN OUR PARISH  
SUNDAY 11th JUNE 2017**

If you know of anyone who wishes to be confirmed this year, please give his or her name to Fr. Savino as soon as possible. Religious instructions will begin in the next couple of weeks.

**CRESIME IN PARROCCHIA**

Domenica 11 Giugno 2017 ci saranno le sante Cresime in parrocchia. Se conoscete qualcuno che vorrebbe ricevere il sacramento della Cresima, per favore date il loro nome a Padre Savino. Le preparazioni incominceranno nelle prossime settimane.

**T@P February: Made For Greatness**

Join us for the first T@P of 2017 at our brand new venue the European Beir Cafe. "Made for greatness" - How to achieve great things in a world that is willing to settle. European Bier Cafe, Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

When: Monday 6 February 2017. Dinner & drinks from 6:30pm. Talk commences at 7:30pm. Audience: 18 to 35 year olds; Priests and Religious of all ages welcome.

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION**

For parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Brigid's is **THIS Monday 30th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church**

**PELLEGRINAGGIO IN ONORE DELLA MADONNA DI LOURDES**

Domenica 12 febbraio al Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla

10am Arrivo della Statua - Confessioni  
11.00am Messa Solenne  
Cel: Vescovo Mark Edwards

2.30pm Seconda Messa e Consacrazione. Cel. Padre Savino Bernardi  
4.00pm Processione con la Statua  
Tutta la comunità è invitata a partecipare.

**2017 PROJECTS FOR ST. BRIGID'S**

Works to rebuild the Nicholson and York Sts. fence should commence in the next couple of weeks, these works include a driveway from York Street. The timber floor in the hall needs to be totally replaced, we have been given the ok from CCI to go ahead. Stage one of the project to improve ventilation in the sub floor of the hall will take place during term one of school holidays. The second stage, ripping the old timber floor, replacing, sanding and polishing will commence 10th December to be completed by the end of February 2018. Another needy project, is an installation of a bathroom in the sacristy, and also repairs to the Chapel in the ex convent and to the Welcome In room. Lots of work ahead!

**Ingresso:**  
**AL TUO SANTO ALTAR**  
*Al tuo santo altar m'appresso, o Signor, mia gioia e mio amor.*  
O Signore che scruti il mio cuor, dal maligno mi salvi il tuo amor.  
**Rit.**  
Tu sei forza, sei vita immortale. Perché triste cammino tra il mal?  
**Rit.**  
Mi risplenda la luce del ver e mi guidi sul retto sentier. **Rit.**  
Mia speranza e salvezza sei tu; ch'io ti lodi in eterno, o Gesù.  
**Rit.**  
Sulla cetra a Te canto, o Signor: non s'attristi e si turbi il mio cuor.  
**Rit.**

**Offertorio:**  
**SIGNORE DI SPIGHE INDORI**  
Signore, di spighe indori i nostri terreni ubertosi, mentre le vigne decori, di grappoli gustosi.  
**Salga da questo altare l'offerta a Te gradita: dona il pane di vita e il sangue salutare.**  
Nel nome di Cristo uniti, il calice e il pane t'offriamo: per i tuoi doni largiti Te, Padre, ringraziamo.  
**R.**

**Comunione:**  
**SYMBOL**  
Tu sei la mia vita, altro io no ho, tu sei la mia strada, la mia verità, Nella tua parola, io camminerò Finchè avrò respiro fino a quando tu vorrai Non avrò paura, sai, se tu sei con me. Io ti prego resta con me.  
Credo in te Signore, nato da Maria, Figlio eterno e santo, uomo come noi, Morto per amore vivo in mezzo a noi Una cosa sola, con il Padre e con i tuoi, Fino a quando, io lo so, tu ritornerai, Per aprirci il Regno di Dio.  
Tu sei la mia forza, altro io no ho. Tu sei la mia pace, la mia libertà. Niente nella vita ci separerà, So che la tua mano forte non mi lascerà So che da ogni male, Tu mi libererai E nel tuo perdono vivrò.

**Fine:**  
**NOME DOLCISSIMO**  
Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore, tu sei rifugio al peccatore. Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: **Ave Maria, ave Maria!**  
Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella. Ascolta il grido dell'anima mia: **Ave Maria, ave Maria.**  
Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero; dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero, Frai cori angelici è l'armonia **Ave Maria, ave Maria.**